

Executive Director Decision

2020/021/R

of 14 December 2020

**issuing Amendment 4 to Issue 1 of the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material
to Commission Regulation (EU) No 139/2014**

**‘AMC and GM to Authority, Organisation and Operations Requirements for Aerodromes —
Issue 1, Amendment 4’**

‘Requirements for the provision of apron management services at aerodromes’

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY (EASA),

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2018/1139¹, and in particular Article 104(3)(a) thereof,

Having regard to Commission Regulation (EU) 139/2014, and in particular point ADR.AR.A.015 of Annex II thereto,

Whereas:

- (1) EASA shall, pursuant to Article 76(3) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, issue certification specifications and acceptable means of compliance, as well as guidance material, for the application of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and of the delegated and implementing acts adopted on the basis thereof.
- (2) Acceptable means of compliance are non-binding standards issued by EASA which may be used by persons and organisations to demonstrate compliance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and the delegated and implementing acts adopted on the basis thereof.
- (3) Guidance material is non-binding material issued by EASA which helps to illustrate the meaning of a requirement or specification and is used to support the interpretation of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, the delegated and implementing acts adopted on the basis thereof, certification specifications and acceptable means of compliance.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2018 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Union Aviation Safety Agency, and amending Regulations (EC) No 2111/2005, (EC) No 1008/2008, (EU) No 996/2010, (EU) No 376/2014 and Directives 2014/30/EU and 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Regulations (EC) No 552/2004 and (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EEC) No 3922/91 (OJ L 212, 22.8.2018, p. 1) (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1535612134845&uri=CELEX:32018R1139>).

- (4) With Decision 2014/012/R of 27 February 2014, the Executive Director of the Agency issued the Initial Issue of the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material to Commission Regulation (EU) No 139/2014².
- (5) EASA shall, pursuant to Article 4(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, reflect the state of the art and the best practices in the field of aviation and update its decisions taking into account worldwide aviation experience and scientific and technical progress in the respective fields.
- (6) EASA has determined the need to amend the acceptable means of compliance and guidance material to facilitate the implementation of the provisions of Commission Regulation (EU) No 139/2014, as amended by Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1234³, as regards the provision of apron management services at aerodromes.
- (7) EASA, pursuant to Article 115(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and Articles 6(3), 7 and 8 of the EASA Rulemaking Procedure⁴, has widely consulted the interested parties on the matters which are the subject of this Decision, and has provided thereafter a written response to the comments received⁵,

HAS DECIDED:

Article 1

The Annex to Decision 2014/012/R of the Executive Director of the Agency of 27 February 2014 is amended as laid down in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the Official Publication of EASA.

It shall apply from 20 March 2022.

Cologne, 14 December 2020

*For the European Union Aviation Safety Agency
The Executive Director*

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² Commission Regulation (EU) No 139/2014 of 12 February 2014 laying down requirements and administrative procedures related to aerodromes pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 44, 14.2.2014, p. 1) (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32014R0139&qid=1605270657207>).

³ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1234 of 9 June 2020 amending Regulation (EU) No 139/2014 as regards the conditions and procedures for the declaration by organisations responsible for the provision of apron management services (OJ L 282, 31.8.2020, p. 1) (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32020R1234&qid=1605270814185>).

⁴ EASA Management Board (MB) Decision No 18-2015 of 15 December 2015 replacing Decision 01/2012 concerning the procedure to be applied by the Agency for the issuing of opinions, certification specifications, acceptable means of compliance and guidance material ('Rulemaking Procedure') (<http://www.easa.europa.eu/system/files/dfu/EASA%20MB%20Decision%2018-2015%20on%20Rulemaking%20Procedure.pdf>).

⁵ CRD 2013-24 'Requirements for apron management services at aerodromes' (<https://www.easa.europa.eu/document-library/comment-response-documents/crd-2013-24>).

